

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 JUNE 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1232-0-01 (ACCNO 5386) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: FLANAGAN, SHERMAN EDWARD JR Date Status assigned: 22 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	O5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	002226997	Height	67 in /1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	8 Apr 1930	Weight	137 lb / 62.1 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	MARYLAND	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QYD300102
Lat/Long: 162148N / 1070913E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: THUA THIEN-HUE
(formerly): THUA THIEN
Mission District: A LUOI
Mission Date: 21 Jul 1968
Mission Category: 2
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Mar 92
Investigations: Apr 92, Apr 94
Surveys: Apr 92, Apr 94
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F100D	Serial: 2905
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J5721A
Call Sign: ICON 43	1 Serial: 603212
Year: 56	2 Serial: \$

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

15 April 1975

ON 21 JULY 1968, LT COL SHERMAN E. FLANAGAN WAS THE WINGMAN (#562905) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO F100D'S WHICH DEPARTED PHU CAT AB, RVN, ON A COMBAT STRIKE MISSION IN THE ASHAU VALLEY. THE FLIGHT HAD CHECKED IN WITH THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC) AND HAD COMPLETED TWO BOMB RUNS EACH. DURING THE THIRD RUN ON A HIGH ANGLE STRAFE, LT COL FLANAGAN'S AIRCRAFT HAD RECOVERED AT 2500 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND AND HAD CLIMBED TO AN ALTITUDE OF 6000 FEET WHEN IT BEGAN A SLOW RIGHT BANK UP TO 45 TO 60 DEGREES AND THEN NOSED DOWN 15 DEGREES UNTIL IT CRASHED AT GRID COORDINATES (GC) YD 300 102.

BOTH FAC AND THE LEADER OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT THE RECOVERY AND IMPACT AND INDICATED THAT NO TRANSMISSIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND NO EJECTION WAS OBSERVED. AS THERE WAS NO APPARENT EJECTION, AND BECAUSE OF HIGH ENEMY THREAT IN THE AREA, NO RESCUE ATTEMPT WAS MADE. AN ELECTRONIC SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT SUCCESS. (REF 1 & 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LT COL FLANAGAN IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

15 April 1975

REFERENCES: <1> MSG , 37 TFW PHU CAT AB, RVN, 210313Z JUL 68. <2> MSG , 37TFW, PHU CAT AB RVN, 230327Z JUL 68. <3> CJTFFA, DET ONE 110519Z JUN 92. <4> CJTFFA DET ONE 280147Z MAY 94.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 April 1992

CASE NARRATIVE PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 30 MARCH 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

5 October 1976

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM YD 243 041 (LAOS, 4, 09) TO

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YD 300 102 (VS, 1, 02) BASED ON SAR LOG.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

14 September 1993

THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE VICINITY OF THE 1232 CRASH LOCATION. DURING THEIR SURVEY OF LOCAL VILLAGERS, A YOUNG RESIDENT CONFIRMED THE LOCATION OF A JET AIRCRAFT CRASH NEAR THE VILLAGE AND AGREED TO LEAD THE TEAM TO THE SITE. THE TEAM HIKE TO THE LOCATION WHERE THEY FOUND NUMEROUS PORTIONS OF JET AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE SCATTERED OVER A HILLSIDE AT GRID COORDINATES YD297103. ALTHOUGH THE CRASH SITE HAS BEEN LARGELY SCAVENGED, SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF WRECKAGE STILL EXIST. THE TEAM CANVASSED VILLAGERS LIVING NEAR THE CRASH SITE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WITNESSES TO THE INCIDENT OR PERSONS WHO COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REMAINS OF THE UNACCOUNTED FOR CREWMEMBER. VILLAGERS REPORTED SEEING PICTURES, A MAP, AND MONEY AT THE SITE SIX YEARS AFTER THE CRASH; HOWEVER, THESE ITEMS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY LOST OR DISCARDED. WHILE SCAVENGING WRECKAGE FROM THE CRASH LOCATION, ONE LOCAL YOUTH ALSO ALLEGEDLY DISCOVERED PARTIAL HUMAN REMAINS WHICH HE DISCARDED AT THE SITE. NO WITNESSES TO THE INCIDENT COULD BE LOCATED. THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH CORRELATES WELL WITH THE 1232 INCIDENT. (REF 3)

9 June 1994

ON 11 MAY 94, IE2 TRAVELLED TO HAMLET 5, HONG VAN VILLAGE, A-LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1232. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REINVESTIGATION WAS TO RESURVEY A CRASH SITE SURVEYED DURING THE 17TH JFA. THE TEAM WAS LED TO THE CRASH SITE BY TWO WITNESSES FROM THAT JFA. THE SITE IS LOCATED ON THE SIDE OF A HILL WITH A SIXTY DEGREE SLOPE. THE TEAM FOUND ONLY SMALL PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. THE SITE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY SCAVENGED AND MAJOR EROSION HAS OCCURRED SINCE THE 17TH JFA. WITNESSES STATED THAT FOLLOWING THE JOINT TEAM'S VISIT IN 1992, LOCAL VILLAGERS CONTINUED TO SCAVENGE THE SITE AND HAVE SINCE TAKEN ALL OF THE MAJOR WRECKAGE. VISUAL EVIDENCE OF DIGGING AT THE SITE WAS STILL APPARENT. NO REMAINS, CREW RELATED EQUIPMENT OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE FOUND AT THE SITE. (REF 4)



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NARRATIVE

ON 21 JULY 1968, LIEUTENANT COLONEL SHERMAN E. FLANAGAN JR. WAS FLYING AN F-100D FIGHTER BOMBER IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT IN THE A SHAU VALLEY AREA. HIS AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 56-2905, CRASHED FOLLOWING AN ORDNANCE DELIVERY RUN IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD300102, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS WEST-SOUTHWEST OF HUE, 13 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF A LUOI AND 4 KILOMETERS EAST OF LANG KA KOU, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THE OTHER FLIGHT MEMBER OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT IMPACT THE GROUND AND SAW NO PARACHUTE AND HEARD NO BEEPER SIGNALS.

ON 13 AND 14 MAY 1992, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 1232 IN A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. MR. KIEM, A LOCAL RESIDENT, PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD297103. MR. KIEM REPORTED THAT HE FIRST VISITED THE SITE SIX YEARS AGO TO SCAVENGE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. HE REPORTEDLY RECOVERED PORTIONS OF A MAP, A PARACHUTE AND A PHOTOGRAPH. MR. KIEM SAID THE ARTICLES WERE LOST OR DESTROYED LONG AGO BUT THAT RESIDENTS OF HAMLET FOUR MAY STILL HAVE FRAGMENTS OF THE PARACHUTE. THE TEAM VISITED THE SITE AND OBSERVED NUMEROUS AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE SCATTERED OVER THE STEEP MOUNTAINSIDE. THE TEAM RETURNED TO QUESTIONED RESIDENTS OF HAMLET FOUR AND FIVE CONCERNING THE CASE 1232 INCIDENT. THE TEAM FOUND FEW RESIDENTS OF HAMLET FOUR WHO WERE AWARE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH IN THE AREA. IN HAMLET FIVE, NUMEROUS RESIDENTS ACKNOWLEDGED SCAVENGING AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE

PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
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THE 31 MAR 94 TECHNICAL MEETING

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FROM THE SITE IN THE EARLY 1980'S. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. HO XUAN MONG WHO REPORTED RECOVERING MONEY, A MAP, AN IDENTIFICATION TAG, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND SOME REMAINS FROM THE SITE. HE LATER DISCARDED THE ITEMS ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN 1983. THE TEAM RECOMMENDED THE SITE BE EXCAVATED.

ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1993, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TURNED OVER A GROUP 559 DOCUMENT TITLED "DOWNED AIRCRAFT - RECORD OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN FROM 1965 TO 1975." THE DOCUMENT CONTAINED AN ENTRY, LINE 51/PAGE 24, WHICH INDICATED THAT THE C2 (1024) COMPANY, D23 BATTALION, SHOT DOWN AN F-100 AIRCRAFT AT 0720 HOURS ON 21 JULY 1968. THIS INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH CASE 1232 BASED ON AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: FLANAGAN, SHERMAN EDWARD JR.

RANK: LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 APRIL 1930

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.70 METERS

WEIGHT: 62.1 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BROWN



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Tờ Trường Thuật

Vào ngày 21 tháng 7 năm 1968, Trung tá SHERMANE FLANAGAN, JR. bay máy bay F-100D cường kích trong biên đội bao gồm hai chiếc trên vùng thung lũng A Chau. Máy bay của ông ta, mang số hiệu 56-2905, rơi xuống đất sau khi ném bom gần tọa độ YD300102, cách thành phố Huế khoảng 45 cây về phía tây-tây nam, cách A Lưới 13 cây về phía tây bắc, và cách làng Ka Kau 4 cây về phía đông, tỉnh Thừa Thiên-Huế. Biên đội viên khác thấy máy bay va dụng đất, không nhìn thấy chiếc dù hoặc nghe thấy tín hiệu cấp cứu.

Vào ngày 13 và 14 tháng 5 năm 1992, đội hỗn hợp đã điều tra vụ 1232 ở huyện A Lưới, tỉnh Thừa Thiên-Huế. Ông Kiem, dân địa phương, cung cấp thông tin về chỗ máy bay rơi gần tọa độ TD297103. Ông Kiem báo đã đến hiện trường lần đầu tiên cách đây sáu năm để thu lượm mảnh xác máy bay. Ông ta cho là lấy phần bản đồ, một chiếc dù và một tấm ảnh. Ông Kiem nói đã mất đồ này từ lâu rồi, nhưng nhân trú quán ở ấp Bốn có thể còn có mảnh chiếc dù. Đội đến hiện trường và thấy nhiều mảnh xác máy bay rải rác trên sườn núi dốc. Đội về hỏi dân ở ấp Bốn và Năm về vụ 1232. Đội tìm được một vài dân của ấp Bốn mà biết đã có máy bay rơi trong khu vực. Tại ấp Năm, có nhiều người khẳng định đã thu lượm mảnh xác máy bay ở hiện trường đó trong phần đầu của những năm 1980. Đội phỏng vấn Ông Ho Xuan Mong mà báo đã thu tiền, một bản đồ, một thẻ căn cước, một thẻ bài, và một số hài cốt ở hiện trường. Sau đó, ông ta vứt những đồ này đi vào năm 1983 (ngày tháng không nhớ). Đội đề nghị hiện trường này được khai quật

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Vào ngày 1 tháng 9 năm 1993, chính phủ Việt Nam phát ra tài liệu tên "Máy Bay Rơi - Nhật Ký Máy bay Địch Bắn Rơi từ năm 1965 đến năm 1975". Tài liệu này có danh mục, dòng 51/trang 24, mà cho đại đội C2 (1024), tiểu đoàn D23, bắn rơi một chiếc máy bay F-100 lúc 0720 giờ vào ngày 21 tháng 7 năm 1968. Thông tin này có thể liên quan đến vụ 1232 căn cứ vào loại máy bay và ngày tháng năm vụ xảy ra.

Chi tiết liên quan như sau:

Họ và Tên: FLANAGAN, SHERMAN EDWARD JR.

Cấp Bậc: Trung tá, Không Quân Mỹ

Ngày tháng năm sinh: ngày 8 tháng 4 năm 1930

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1.70 mét

Cân nặng: 62.1 ki lô gam

Màu tóc: nâu

Màu mắt: nâu

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1236-0-01 (ACCNO 1403)	Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: PARISH, CHARLES CARROLL	Date Status assigned: 6 Apr 1973	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit DATA
Service NAVY	Sex MALE	Blood type A +
Grade O3	Hair BROWN	Complexion FAIR
SSAN	Eyes BLUE	Weapon #
Serial No DATA	Height 73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date	Weight 184 lb / 83.4 kg	Duty pos PILOT
Home State VIRGINIA	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWF715687
Lat/Long: 184234N / 1054042E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: NGHE AN
(formerly):
Mission District: NGHI LOC
Mission Date: 25 Jul 1968 1650L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 92, Aug 86
Investigations: Aug 92
Surveys: Aug 92, Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4J	Serial: 155540
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J79
Call Sign: MILKVINE 112	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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